

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Amending)	DOCKET TV-081462
Washington Utilities and)	
Transportation Commission)	ORDER 01
Tariff 15-C, Relating to Intrastate)	
Transportation of Household Goods)	
)	ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS TO
)	TARIFF NO. 15-C
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 RCW 81.80.150 assigns certain duties and responsibilities to the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for tariffs that apply to intrastate transportation of household goods. These duties include amending, altering and reissuing tariffs when changes are approved by the Commission.
- 2 The Commission published Tariff 15-C, which applies to the intrastate transportation of household goods, effective February 1, 2008. The current docket, TV-081462, proposes to amend Tariff 15-C to clarify or correct items that Commission Staff and carriers identified as incorrect or needing clarification. This docket does not make any substantive changes to Tariff 15-C.
- 2 On October 1, 2008, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Submit Written Comments (Notice) in Docket TV-081462. The Notice described proposed changes and asked for written comments no later than October 15, 2008. The Commission received one set of comments, from the Washington Movers Conference, a member organization of the Washington Trucking Association. In its comments, the Conference agreed with all changes proposed in this docket. In addition, staff proposes one additional correction that was identified by a carrier in the context of a consumer complaint. Attachment #1 to this order identifies the changes to Tariff 15-C proposed by staff, including the change resulting from the consumer complaint referenced above.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of
Washington required by statute to compile, publish and distribute tariffs
containing rates, charges, classifications, rules and regulations to be used by all
common carriers. *RCW 81.80.150*.
- 4 (2) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting
on October 30, 2008.
- 5 (3) After review and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the tariff
applying to the transportation of household goods in the state of Washington
should be amended as Commission Staff recommends.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 (1) Effective October 30, 2008, the changes proposed to Tariff 15-C, attached to this
order and by this reference made a part of the order, is adopted for use by all
carriers transporting household goods in the state of Washington that are subject to
Commission regulation.

The Commissioners have delegated authority to the Secretary to enter this Order pursuant
to RCW 80.01.030 and WAC 480-07-904((1)(a)).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 30, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment 1: Clarifications and Corrections Proposed in TV-081462

1. **Overtime Rates:** Add overtime rates for long distance moves as Item 190. This item was included in the prior Tariff 15-B, but was inadvertently deleted in the current Tariff 15-C. The proposed language is included as Attachment 2. In addition, add language to Item 50 which was deleted in Tariff 15-C in error, as follows:
“4. The carrier may bill the customer overtime charges for loading and unloading services performed ... d. Anytime after eight (8) consecutive hours of service.”
2. **Lump Sum Value:** Add language to allow a customer to declare a lump sum value for a shipment. Item 90, Section 8 states, “the carrier must require the customer to state in writing on the bill of lading either the declared value of the shipment in cents per pound or a lump sum value for the entire shipment.” However, the bill of lading section in Item 95 does not include a place for the lump sum value. The proposed revision would add the following language to Item 95:
“I declare a lump sum total dollar valuation on this entire shipment of \$_____”
3. **Delay of Shipment:** Add delay of shipment provision as Item 145. This item was included in the prior Tariff 15-B, but was inadvertently deleted in the current Tariff 15-C. The proposed language for Item 145 is included as Attachment 3.
4. **Storage-in-Transit Minimum Charges:** Remove the ‘Minimum Charge per Occurrence’ column from Item 100(3)(b). These rates were included in error.
5. **Valuation of Good while in Storage-In-Transit:** Add rates for valuation of goods while in storage-in-transit as Item 90. This item was included in the prior Tariff 15-B, but was inadvertently deleted in the current Tariff 15-C. The proposed Language for Item 90 is included as Attachment 4.
6. **Storage-in-Transit for Shipments Moving More than 55 Miles:** Add a sentence that clarifies that rates on shipments moving more than 55 miles to storage-in-transit are contained in Item 200. The proposed revision would add the following language to Item 201:
“For rates on shipments moving more than 55 miles, see Item 200.”
7. **Long Distance Definition:** Change all reference to Long Distance (Mileage-Rated) Moves to a consistent definition of “more than 55 miles”.

Attachment 2: Item 190 (Long Distance Moves)

1. Charges for overtime are not mandatory. If overtime charges are assessed, they will apply in addition to all other applicable rates and charges.

2. The carrier may bill the customer overtime charges for loading and unloading services performed:

- (a) Monday through Friday -- after 5:00 PM and before 8:00 AM; and
- (b) Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays -- any time.

Exception: The carrier may not assess overtime charges if the overtime is provided for carrier's convenience. Carrier's convenience is defined as: The carrier is unable to provide service, due to lack of equipment, on a date requested by a customer, and instead can provide service only during hours defined above as overtime hours.

3. Overtime will be performed only at the request of the customer and at the option of the carrier. The carrier must provide the customer with a written estimate of the total overtime charges and get the customer's written consent before providing overtime service.

Charges:

Period in which loading and/or unloading service is provided	Rate per 100 pounds shipped	
	Minimum	Maximum
At all times on Saturdays, Sundays or Legal Holidays	\$2.18	\$3.65
Monday through Friday (excluding legal holidays) -- after 5:00 PM and before 8:00 AM.	Rate Per person per hour or fraction of an hour	
	Minimum	Maximum
	\$11.38	\$18.96

Attachment 3: New Item 145

ITEM 145 -- DELAY OF SHIPMENTS FOR AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT OR CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER SHIPMENTS

1. Carriers must not delay delivery of shipments weighing 5,000 pounds or more for availability of equipment or consolidation with other shipments. Carriers must directly deliver (expedite) all shipments weighing 5,000 pounds or more.

2. Carriers must not delay delivery of shipments weighing less than 5,000 pounds if the customer agrees to pay a minimum charge based on up to 5,000 pounds. Carriers must directly deliver all shipments for which the customer agrees to pay the minimum charge based on up to 5,000 pounds. If the customer agrees to payment of the minimum charge, a notation must be placed on the face of the bill of lading. The customer must sign the notation. The notation must say: "Moving at a weight of _____ pounds.
Actual weight _____ pounds.
Agreed to: _____ Signature of customer."

3. Carriers may delay delivery of shipments weighing less than 5,000 pounds for availability of equipment or consolidation with other shipments.

(a) Carriers must promptly remove from the customer's premises all articles to be held pending available equipment or consolidation with another shipment and must not charge the customer for storage, storage valuation, handling in or out, or storage-in-transit charges for the time a shipment is held.

(b) Unless the carrier and the customer have agreed to a deliver by date, carriers must deliver a delayed shipment within 15 calendar days of accepting it.

i) The carrier and the customer must state the "deliver by date" in writing on the bill of lading by placing the following notation on the face of the bill:
"The customer agrees that delivery may be delayed but shall not be after:
_____, 19_____.

Agreed to: _____, customer."

ii) Once the carrier agrees to a "deliver by" date, the carrier must:

- Deliver the shipment by that date;
- Renegotiate the deliver-by date with the customer; or
- Make arrangements for another carrier to do so on its behalf.
(The original carrier must absorb any additional costs incurred by using the additional carrier to meet the "deliver-by" date.)

Attachment 4: Item 90

10. Following are the fees for valuation of goods while in SIT. The fees are to be charged for each 30 days or portion of 30 days household goods remain in storage. The fees are based on a percentage of the amount paid for transportation valuation.

Valuation Option Selected	For each 30 days or fraction of 30 days, Percentage of transportation valuation allowed:	
	Minimum	Maximum
Option 1 - Basic Value Protection	None	None
Option 2 - Depreciated Value Protection	7.2%	12.0%
Option 3 - Replacement cost, with deductible		
Option 4 - Replacement cost, no deductible		